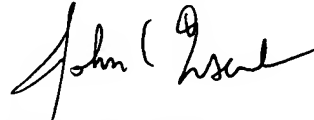


REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending. Claim 24 been amended to eliminate the multiple dependency.

Prompt examination and allowance in due course are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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